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Revised NGWA Monitoring Well Exam

The National Ground Water Association (NGWA) has revised its monitoring well construction exam. It has added questions on hollow-stem augering and it is now called the Augering and Monitoring Exam.

The previous "Boring and Augering" specialty exam that supposedly applied to hollow-stem augering posed a problem for the monitoring well drillers. It consisted of several questions relating to the "bucket auger" rig. Many knowledgeable monitoring well drillers were failing the exam because of these questions, simply because they had no reason to have any knowledge of this rig.

Applicants for monitoring well driller certification, whose drilling specialty is hollow-stem augering, will be taking two exams, the NGWA's General Exam and the Augering & Monitoring Exam. Drillers using other methods, such as air rotary, will still be required to take three exams, as their "specialty" is not covered by the new Augering and Monitoring Exam. The new exam will still be applicable, as it covers the "Monitoring Well Construction" aspect of the exam, and most other drilling methods can also accommodate hollow-stem augers.

If you have taken and failed the Boring & Augering exam in the past and would like to take the new exam, call Harold Lee or Joe Moffitt at the Groundwater Branch.

Good Attendance at KGWA Annual Workshop

The 2001 Kentucky Ground Water Association's Annual Drillers Workshop was held in Louisville March 8 and 9. Personnel from the Division of Water were present and handed out training cards to the 128 certified drillers that attended.

The stamping process went smoothly, and all 128 training cards were collected at the end of the workshop. The Division of Water also administered 56 National Ground Water Association exams to 23 people.



Thank You

Thanks to all who helped the Groundwater Branch with training cards and exams at this year's Kentucky Ground Water Association's Workshop.

From the Division of Water:
Karen Edwards, Beverly Oliver,
Brenda Taylor, Freida Hurt, Jack
Moody, Kevin Francis and Tom Nico-
tera. From the Division of Waste Man-
agement: Liz Shelby.

Board Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Kentucky Water Well Certification Board will be Friday, June 8, starting at 9 a.m. at the Division of Water in Frankfort.

The meeting will be open to all drillers and the public.



Ground Water Atlas

The address for the Ground Water Atlas from the Kentucky Geological Survey is:

[http://www.uky.edu/kgs/water/
research/bwatlas.html](http://www.uky.edu/kgs/water/research/bwatlas.html)
Or call (859) 257-5500.



**Look for your 2001 –
2002 certificate renewal
application which will
be mailed in June.**

Call BUD Before You Dig

Kentucky Underground Protection, Inc., is a non-profit organization established to provide a communication link between excavators and operators of underground utilities.

KRS 367.4901 to 367.4917 requires that you call two business days before you dig in the state of Kentucky.

The toll free number to call is:

1-800-752-6007

In Louisville, (502) 266-5123

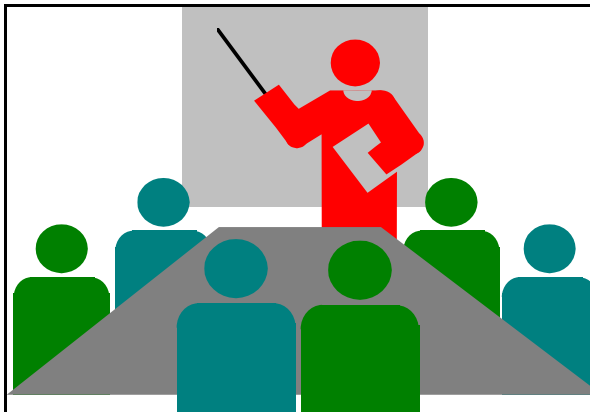


Prior Approval for Training

If you are not using the Kentucky Ground Water Association's annual workshop for your annual training requirement, you may use other approved training. To insure that the training you plan on using for your 3 - hour annual training requirement will be accepted, you will need to get **prior approval** from the Groundwater Branch. The following information must be submitted:

1. Obtain an agenda of the class subject(s) to be presented. Also include the date of the class and the number of class hours for each subject.
2. Send or call in the information to the Groundwater Branch for **Pre-approval**.
3. When you complete the training, obtain a certificate or a signed document of attendance listing the hours and subject of the class.
4. Send the documentation of your training with your renewal application to the Groundwater Branch.

If you receive more than three hours of approved training in one year, you can carry over up to three hours of approved training to the following year.



Training Opportunities

Florida Ground Water Association Summer Quarterly Meeting

Key West, FL
July 13 – 14

Contact: David Boozer

P. O. Box 1519

Winter Haven, FL 33882

Phone: (863) 293-5710

Fax: (863) 299-5154

E-mail: flassn@aol.com

South Atlantic Well Drillers Jubilee

Myrtle Beach, SC

July 28 – 31

Contact: Cain Associates

P. O. Box 1128

New Market, VA 22844

Phone: (540) 740-3329

Fax: (540) 740-4556

Cetco Drilling Products Mud School

June 27

Paducah, KY

For details contact: Tim English at Pro-Con (270) 554-4044

In order to use training other than the Kentucky Ground Water Association's Annual Drillers' Workshop, you **MUST** contact Joe Moffitt, Harold Lee, or David Leo at the Groundwater Branch.

Remember to obtain proper attendance documentation when attending any training for your continuing training requirement.



Thanks to Hinkle Contracting for inviting personnel from the Groundwater Branch to observe their monitor well drilling site off Holmes Street in Frankfort, February 7. At left is the certified driller Bobby Roberts, at right is his rig operator Terry McQueen.



The Groundwater Branch would like the opportunity to observe the many different drilling methods of the Kentucky Certified Water Well Drillers throughout the state. These site visits to your drilling operation would be for educational purposes only and would not be part of a regulatory inspection. Please contact us if you have an interest in allowing us to visit your well site operation.

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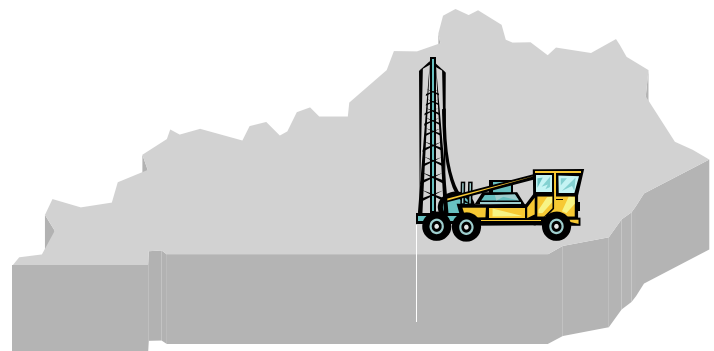
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